An amusing story of ingenuous childhood is related in The Youth's Comhonor in the service of Queen Victoria. A little niece of hers visited her one grocery store where our city drammer day at the court. The queen caught was lounging. sight of the child, and, pleased with The clerk knew her, and while he to luncheon some day at the palace. conscious of the honor conferred upon o'clock, she took up the parcel and hurher she was quiet and well behaved and ried away. not inclined to talk unnecessarily. During the luncheon chicken was served. The child ate her portion with keen relish and was careful in the use of knife and fork. Suddenly she stared at the queen with eyes like round towers. she was turning a dark corner. Then pointing her small finger in the

"Oh, piggie, piggie!" The queen had taken one of the chicken bones quite delicately in her fingers, but the carefully trained child. who had been warned in the nursery not take his arm the table was startled, but the queen at her brother was absent from town.

with a tone of reproof:

remark to royalty occurred recently come in. when the queen was at Balmoral and | Charmed with her shyness and believ-"Ah, ma'am, "replied the old dame, but the drummer did not see it. "it's not yerself I'm afeard on. It's

them grand servants.' speech as ever greeted her majesty was ministerial aspect. made by another of those canny Scotch-

Once, many years ago, when staying and talk to him?" hae twa umbrellas. Ane is good and ane the hand, exclaiming heartily: offered a tattered umbrella, which was quietly accepted and returned to her next day by one of the royal footmen, with his mistress' thanks.

Our Back Door. Just back of the house, right under a tree, Is a box that is full of silver sand-Of sand that was washed by a saltless sea Till it rivals the white of a woman's hand Such wonderful sights as never before Were spoken of lip or seen of eyes,

There's an old pie tin, with numberless holes A shovel, a rake and an old tin can, A block of wood, and, oh, dear souls, In the midst of these is a workingman He is busily making pies and cakes And digging and sifting and playing store The which a hole in his stomach makes, Which he brings to fill at our back door

And all within sight of our back door.

And all of the little folk living near Have heard of this wonderful box of sand. So full of treasures their hearts hold dear, And in come trooping the busy band, fill the sands have forgotten the cruel sea And the waves that lashed the sounding shore For the flood of laughter, the bubbling glee, That ripple and break by our back door. -Standard Designer.

At Bedtime.

- know a little girl Who, when she's asked to go to bed, Does inst so:
- She lets a dozen wrinkles out And takes the dimples in. She puckers up her pretty lips,
- 'Oh, dear me, I don't see why All the others sit up late And why can't I?" Another little girl I know,
- With curly pate, Who says, "When I'm a great big girl,
- But mother says 'twill make me grow To be an early bird So she and dolly trot away
- Oh, the sunny smile and the eyes so blu
- And-why, yes, now I think of it, She looks like you!

Johnny's Memorandum. He is like all boys, forgetful. Johnny has perhaps a greater faculty for remembering to forget than the ordinary boy, and that led him into trouble. His employer told him that the next time he forgot what he was told his services

would be dispensed with. The cashier is a kindly fellow. told Johnny to make a memorandum of each thing he had to do during the day. That afternoon the cashier noticed a paper pinned above Johnny's desk. It

"Memo. -Leave at 6 o'clock."-Golden Days.

What Is a "Stickit Minister?"

The first book that brought Mr. Crockett into fame bore the strange title to our ears of "A Stickit Minismortal 'Gny Mannering' will remember that Dominie Sampson was a 'stickit minister," The words stickit minister are applied in Scotland to a divinity student who has either failed by way of reproach or taunt.

Aristocrats Among Birds. Hawks and predatory birds are the ladies were considerably hustled. They powers of bird society. They live by the made for the clubhouse, whence a numlives of the weaker birds. They are ber of them came forth with towels and aristocrats, almost ranking with the beat some of the ringleaders in a most eagles and herons. Their children are energetic manner. Then the police came few, but mighty, being princes of the on the scene and escorted the ladies off air when young and becoming kings the field amid a voltey of turf and and queens before their parents die.





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ANXIOUS INQUIRER.

A western paper tells the story of bow a city drummer met his match in a little country girl. She was a sweet, shy, innocent little panion, as told by a former maid of village maiden, and she seemed somewhat flurried as she stepped into the

her innocent prattle, asked the lady in | fild up her parcel of tea he asked her if waiting to have the little visitor come the wasn't afraid to walk home alone so late at night. She asked the clerk The child was taken on an appointed nervously if it was so very late. When day to the royal table. While quite un- he assured her that it was but just 9

The city drammer, looking on thought to himself, "It really is too bad for such a pretty little girl to walk home So, throwing away his cigar, he skipped out and overtook her just as

"Wonldn't you like some company?" direction of her majesty she exclaimed he asked, graciously offering his arm. "But I don't know you," she said hesitatingly.

"Don't you? Why. I'm an old friend of your father. "Indeed!" she replied, but she did

that this was a breach of propriety in | They chatted pleasantly along, he young people, could not refrain from asking many questions about her home, repeating an expression that she often etc. He learned that her father was an heard her governess use. Every one at invalid confined to his room and that

once led in the laughter, enjoying quite | They soon came to a neat and some keenly the joke at her own expense. | what prete tious cottage, and, pausing Another instance of a minconventional at the gate, she timidly asked him to

visited an old cottager living near. On | ing the coast cutirely clear, the pususleaving, her majesty graciously said to picious drummer accepted the invitathe old lady who had been entertaining tion. She showed him into a tasty little her, "Well, Mrs. ---, you will now no parlor. Then she asked to be excused longer be afraid of me, and I shall ex- for a few minutes. As she passed out of the door a smile hovered about her lips.

Passing down a little hall, she tapped lightly at another door, which was But probably as uncomplimentary a opened by a gentleman of a decidedly

"Mr. C.," she said, there's a gentlewomen for whom she manifests so much man in the parlor who seems to be a This circumstance may result in a large | the time the bed is prepared they begin very anxious inquirer. Won't you go

walk by herself, according to her cus- paster, who was as prompt to improve local races, where the distribution of the atmosphere of the caves. - San Frantom. It came on to rain heavily, and, an opportunity to attend to his business purses will be more equal. This year cisco Call passing, she asked the good wife to lend ings are to drive sharp bargains. He her an umbrella. The woman regarded bastened to the parlor, glasses and all, win all the important firsts and many the queen with suspicion and said, "I and grasped the drummer warmly by of the lesser prizes. The less fortunate "Glad to see you, my friend, very

> The drummer stared at the old gentleman in astonishment and wondered vainly who he was and why he was so very glad to see him. The minister drew a chair close be-

ide him, and, laying one hand on his knee, began very earnestly: "Our young friend tells me that you are an anxious inquirer. I am always glad to talk with any one who is interested in matters relating to the welfare

The minister paused for a moment, and the drummer began to turn hot and

'Have you ever made any profession of religion? Do you belong to any church?" the minister asked encourag-"N-no," stammered the drummer

"Confound that girl!" he muttered under his breath. The minister began to see that he was not getting on, and, noticing the drummer's disturbed manner, re-

"Something troubles you, my friend. Can you not confide in me? Perhaps I can relieve your doubts and fears." "I-I think I'd better go," the drummer said, rising and vainly trying to guess which door he came in at. "Let us have a season of prayer together," said the minister, and, suiting the action to the word, he kneeled down by his chair. Not having decided which door he came in at, and not daring to risk meeting that "confounded girl" by opening any other, the drummer had

nothing better to do than to submit to the novel experience of hearing himself As soon as the prayer was ended, he again essayed to go, but Mr. C. be- ters can scarcely be matched, except in thought himself of the "girl," and step- that amazing French medieval Latin again essayed to go, but Mr. C. beping to the dining room door called:

"Wife, has Lettie gone?" "Oh, yes, she did not stay. Willie went with her, and he's been gone long him warmly by the hand, hoped to meet

outlined against the sky, and a boy's voice remarked:

"I wonder if pa converted him. The "anxious inquirer" isn't anxious to inquire after the innocent young maidens of our town any more. - Ex-

Lady Footballers In England. Lady footballers continue, with some difficulty, to play the game in Eug-An English newspaper states: Lady footballers on tour should be careful to ascertain beforehand if they are ception. Hor lack of this precaution a party of them who lately visited Irvin to pass his final examination or has to play a select team of the district "stuck" in his trial sermon. They are clubs had a most unpleasant experience. generally applied to the unhappy man A forward of the select team struck the lady goalkeeper in the face, blackening her eye. Afterward the spectators swarmed all over the ground, and the

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

The cycle racing throughout the naif, next season, teams of racing men will follow the circuit meets around the country, as has been customary. The lack of support given to racing teams this year by the manufacturers has necall the purses, has left some cash prize professional ranks are well filled and naturally a coterie of cracks will racing man, while winning nothing, has personal and trainer's expenses to pay, and it is felt that a change is need-ful. Some of the less prominent professionals who have followed the circuit this year assert that they will take part only in state circuit and local meets next season, where the prospects of remuneration are brighter. - New York

The Season's Fast Pacers. There is a perfect deluge of extremely fast pacers this season, and, what is even more remarkable, the crop of mares able to beat 2:10 at the lateral gait is quite the largest ever known. Equally noteworthy is the fact that every one of these traces to George Wilkes, through her sire. Lottle Lorine, who shares champion honors with Pearl C, by her champion honors with Pearl C, by her mile in 2:06 % at Columbus, was got by Gambetta Wilkes, and her younger rival is by Roy Wilkes, who was a high class pacer in his day. Phenol, who scored 2:07 % last month, is a daughter of Jersey Wilkes, and Miss Rita, who was the best 8-year-old filly out last season and reduced her record to 2:08% at Buffalo last Thursday, gets the Wilkes blood direct from her sire, J. J. Andabon, a son of Alexone. Angie D. Audubon, a son of Alcyone. Angie D, who held the honors for pacing mares last season, is a granddaughter of Onward, and Vera Capel, another addition to the 2:10 list in 1895, was got by Wilton, both of these sires being sons of

Garage Wilkes - Exchange. Vanessa, Stella and the Dean, I do not think Swift ever cared for Vanessa, and I much incline to believe that he was never married to Stella. Cadenus had his weak points. He did not disdain to be adored, and Vanessa, poor thing, was vain and flighty. The wildness which she betrays in her letcorrespondence of the Abbess Heloisa, have seen. But, to use the Gallic phrase, she was at the expense of it herself. One At last the minister showed the dis- and Daphne holds the chase," were it comfited drummer to the door, shook not that Apollo lingered a trifle too QIL CLOTH, CARPET LINING, MATTING long to write verses which he had bethim in heaven, and let him out into the ter have left unwritten. The chase went on for how many years? And how did As he passed out of the gate he heard it end? In despair on the part of Vanesaubdued giggle, saw two figures dimly sa, in heart break and unwomanly degradation. Yes, it is a sad story, but one must not charge Swift with having acted as a deceiver, unless he was married long age to another woman. Then, in-deed, it will be hard, though not absolutely impossible, to defend him.

None can tell what passed between the dean and Vanessa during their last interview. Scott has given, but upon the merest hearsay, an account of it, which, I suppose, we could all repeat, if called upon, by heart. Yes, but would either of these proud persons have torn down the screen that hid their misery in such a case? Not Swift, we may be sure. And if Vanessa was thunderstruck with the news of a marriage fatal to her, why did she not publish that as well as the poem she held in her tragedy and will always be told. But, like many another legend, it fades, under close scrutiny, into cloudland .-Contemporary Review.

A Moorish Legend.

census of all the stupid people in his empire and let him have the correct list. The vizier set to work, and at the head of the list, which was a very long one, he placed the name of his sovereign. The latter happened to be in a good humor, and merely inquired how good humor, and merely inquired how figures come that way, and all whe he came to merit that distinction.

"Sire," the minister replied, "I have entered you on the list because only two Oil Heating Stoves; just the thing for days ago you intrusted large sums of | cool evenings, from \$4.50 up. money, for the alleged purpose of buy-ing horses abroad, to a couple of men who are entire strangers, and who will never come back again." "Is that your opinion? But suppose

"Then I will erase your name and place theirs at the head of the list."-Monde Pittoresque.

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The cultivation of mushrooms is really a matter of "ancient history" in France. RHEUMATISM C. H. King, Water Valley, Miss., cured by Ayer's Sarsaparilla

find them so nutritious as well as profit-able that very few Frenchmen are so poor as to be obliged to do without their beloved vegetable. Notwithstanding the antiquity of the mushroom it is, even in these days of enlightenment, a mystery. Nobody. save a few savants, knows much about it, but everybody in France knows that it can be made to grow in almost any quantity desired.

The mushroom loves a place that is cool, damp and dark, and it is for this

A CURIOUS OCCUPATION.

Men Who Live In Dark Caverns In France

The people are so fond of them and

reason that the mushroom is almost invariably cultivated in subterranean excavations throughout France.

In the department of the Seine there are over 3,000 of these caves, and in them live about 800 people-"champignonists," who rarely see the daylight. The descent into these caves is by way of rope ladders.

One of the most interesting sights

around Paris is the subterranean exca-

vations where this vegetable is raised.

Some of the caves are nothing more or less than tunnels, while others are exhausted stone quarries, quite a number of them extending under the streets of the city. These caves have to be spe-cially prepared for their growth, and great care and attention are given to tional circuit this season has been of a their keeping and perfect preservation. very high order, but it seems doubtful The temperature varies but little in summer, and only climatic influences, that is a very wet or very dry season, more than one of heat or cold, tends to affect the daily production of the beds. As nearly as possible a temperature of essarily compelled some of the profes- 42 degrees F. is maintained. It is sional racing men who have attended also considered of great importance that all the national meets to pay their own | the air currents move invariably in the expenses, and this change in the condi- same direction. This should be from tion of affairs, coupled with the fact north to south, and never more than that about half a dozen riders have won slightly appreciable. The mushroom beds are prepared by sprinkling a quanriders in a very poor financial condition | tity of dried and pulverized wild mushat this season of the year. While it is rooms over a layer of earth heavily enmore than likely that a national circuit | riched; then, in alternate layers, the of race meets will be arranged again mushroom powder and earth are put tonext season, it is also the purpose of the gether until a height of about three feet leading divisions to hold state circuits. is attained. In about three months from number of the professionals remaining to bear and when once started continuin their resident towns next season, ously bring forth large quantities each at Balmoral, the queen went for a long "Certainly, my dear," suswered her with the object of competing in purely day, regulated more or less according to

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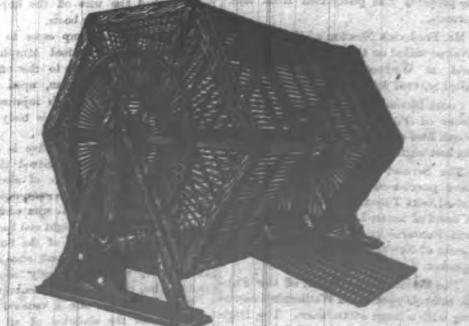
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